

U.J.A. '77 Campaign Underway

Close to five hundred workers have been canvassing the community for the 1977 campaign, which will run until May 22. Ottawa's goal figure is \$2,400,000 and General Chairman Alfred Friedman is optimistic about the final results. Early pledges are showing healthy increases which indicates that people realize the importance of broadening the base of giving, a vital factor in this year's campaign.



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Arnold Shinder Fund Provides Aid For Israeli Music Students

When Arnold Shinder visited Israel in 1972, he saw for himself, as a violin student, the difficulties Israelis have in obtaining musical training — things we take for granted. Therefore, when plans were made for his Bar Mitzvah this past year, he thought perhaps there might be something he could do to help these Israeli students. After some correspondence with C.I.C.F. in Toronto, the Arnold Shinder Scholarship Fund was established.

Arnold's Bar Mitzvah invitations requested guests to donate to this Fund rather than giving him personal gifts and \$4,500. was raised, an amount of which the interest alone serves to keep two students in Israel with subsidized tuition for a year. In February, Arnold attended a luncheon in Toronto where he presented his "Bar Mitzvah cheque" to Isaac Stern, the Honorary Chairman of A.I.C.F., in the presence too of Maureen Forrester, Joel Slater, National C.I.C.F. Chairman in Israel, and Murray Koffler, National Chairman in Canada. That evening, Arnold and his parents attended the concert at which Mr. Stern performed with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

The Canada Israel Cultural Foundation is an arm of the American Israel Cultural Foundation. The funds are administered by an International Budget Committee which meets periodically to determine where the monies collected can be of the



To celebrate his Bar Mitzvah, Arnold Shinder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shinder asked that, in lieu of personal Bar Mitzvah presents, donations should be made to the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation. The Arnold Shinder Scholarship Fund will be used to provide musical scholarships for Israeli students.

Accepting on behalf of the C.I.C.F. were world renowned violinist Isaac Stern, Honorary President of the American Israel Cultural Foundation and contralto Maureen Forrester, Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation. Arnold, a promising young violinist, was in Toronto to attend Isaac Stern's concert in February at Massey Hall.

greatest benefits in cultural exchange between the countries in promoting Fine Art and the Performing Arts. In this endeavour, the governments of Canada and Israel are pursuing a common goal — exchange of culture and talent.

Ottawa's C.I.C.F. has already sent Francois Bernier of the University of Ottawa's Music Faculty to Israel, and now looks forward to the "exchange Israeli

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Serving Ottawa and the Valley

Named Chairman of Executives Institute

The appointment of Hy Hochberg, Executive Vice-President of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council, as Chairman of the Intermediate Cities Executive Institute, an In-Service Training Institute for Executives was announced by David Loeb, President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir.

The special sessions for 75 executives will be held from July 10-14.

Jewish Federation executives from cities throughout the country will gather for the annual Intermediate Cities Executive Institute conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations, and will feature discussions and seminars designed for executives who head local Federations in cities of 5,000 - 40,000 Jewish population.

Council of Jewish Federations is the association of central community organizations — Federations, Welfare Funds, Community Councils — serving 800 Jewish communities in the U.S. and Canada. It aids these com-



Hy Hochberg

munities to mobilize maximum support for the United Jewish Appeal and other overseas agencies, as well as for major national and local services involving financing, planning and operating health, welfare, cultural, educational, community relations, and other programs benefitting all residents.

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Vaad Report

by David Loeb

President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir
(Jewish Community Council)



Establish Closer Ties with Pembroke

Last week, the Officers of the Vaad were pleased to receive a delegation from the Pembroke Jewish community. There were four in the group, Newton Prager, Morrie Eisen, Mac Switzer and Milton Borenstein, people we have come to know and like from our periodic visits to Pembroke on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, State of Israel Bonds or the occasional social or educational gathering.

Although never large in numbers, the Pembroke Jewish community has been reduced to about 14 or 15 families. Even so, they maintain a synagogue, a rabbi, various organizations, operate a school for their children and support the calls on them for help in a generous and open-hearted manner. The Pembroke community representatives had come, at our invitation, to discuss closer ties with Ottawa including the possibility of a U.J.A. subvention for their school and the availability of cemetery plots and other resources.

As they talked, we could not help but admire the sense of Jewish purpose and commitment which brought them to us. It would be much easier for them to give up the trappings of organized Jewish life but instead, this handful of determined people has decided to stick it out and with a modest assist from us, they will. This kind of struggle to remain Jewish is going on in many small centres in our country and those who are its leaders deserve to be commended and supported in their efforts.

Later that evening, the Executive Committee approved the inclusion in principle of the Beth Israel School as a U.J.A. beneficiary. In due course they will have to submit their 1977-78 budget in accordance with the practice followed by all agencies in the Budget and Allocations Committee process. At this point however, I am pleased we were able to work things out. I know that this new and stronger relationship will be mutually beneficial to both our communities.

Nominating Committee Appointed

In preparation for the Annual General Meeting of the community which will take place on Monday evening, June 27, 1977 at 7:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Centre, the Executive Committee has appointed a nominating committee of seven. Under our constitution, this committee has the responsibility of selecting a slate of officers and trustees at large for the ensuing year and proposing their names to every known participating member of the community.

This year, the formal notice of meeting and the proposed slate will reach you on or about May 16. It will contain the rules of eligibility to vote, to sit as an officer or trustee and to nominate or vote for officers or trustees at large. It will also state that other persons may be nominated, provided that they consent in writing to be nominees, that ten other participating members of the community sign the nomination papers and that such nomination papers are received by our office by June 6. Should there be any further nominations, the community will receive notice of the names of such nominees and the positions contested by June 20.

We have asked Norman Zagerman to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Those who will serve with him are Hyman Gould, Joseph Ginsberg, Bertha Palmer, Sara Vered and me. One other is still to be appointed.

C.I.C. Conference April 27 and 28 at Skyline Hotel

The Canada-Israel Committee is holding its annual conference and dinner for Members of Parliament on Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28 at the Skyline Hotel in Ottawa. During the course of this important two-day conference, participants will deal with such major questions as Peace in the Middle East, the Arab Boycott, Canada and the United Nations and a number of other issues respecting Canada-Israel relations.

Sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, April 27 with addresses by Yoram Dinstein, Professor of International Law, Tel Aviv University and Emanuel Sivan, Professor of History at the Hebrew University. At noon, the Honorable Donald Jamieson, Secretary of State for International Affairs will be the guest speaker. That afternoon, Professor Irwin Cotler, who headed the Commission on Economic Coercion and Discrimination will address the Conference.

The Parliamentary Dinner will be held Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00 o'clock. It is to be addressed by Dr. Shlomo Avineri, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On Thursday morning April 28, Ed Broadbent, Leader of the New Democratic Party will speak. At the noon luncheon which will end the conference, the guest of honour will be the Honourable John Chretien, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Anyone in the community who wishes to attend the various sessions, luncheons and dinners may do so by registering in advance with Mrs. Sandy Pickar, who staffs the Ottawa Region, Canada-Israel Committee at our office, 232-7306.

U.J.A. Calendar of Events

Women's Division

April 25 1:00 p.m. Tea at the home of Sally Taller with guest speaker Ethel Kessler, Women's Division, Montreal

April 26 12:15 p.m. Luncheon Musicale at the home of Sandi Marks, with guest speaker Dr. David Posen of U.J.A. Toronto
8:00 p.m. Coffee Reception at the home of Ruth Viner with guest speaker Dr. David Posen

April 28 12:15 p.m. Luncheon at the home of Edie Koranyi, with guest speaker Simanna Holt, M.P.
8:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese Reception at the home of Daphne Aron, with guest speaker Col. Jacob Monbaz, Israel Advisor to U.I.A. Canada

Public Service Division

May 4 5:45 p.m. Annual Dinner, Main Auditorium, 151 Chapel St. Guest speaker, His Excellency Mordechai Shalev, Ambassador of Israel to Canada

U.J.A. National Walkathon

Sunday

May 29



WE WALK AS ONE

This year's Walkathon promises to be an exciting event. As in the past, both walkers and bikers will be winding their way along the designated Canal route backed by their many sponsors and supporters. However, this year a new category is being introduced — the Jewish Community Joggers, being organized by the JCC Health Club.

Sheldon Taylor is the Chairman of this year's Walkathon, and is very enthusiastic about the anticipated turnout of even greater numbers of participants, from grandparents to infants in strollers. The leisurely walk alongside the Canal is now an annual communal event that allows families to participate jointly in a specific fundraising project.

Last year's record 450 participants raised \$16,000 in Walkathon funds which were used towards the Kindergarten erected in the name of the Ottawa Jewish Community at Ma'ilot. While the allocation of this year's funds has yet to be finalized, some of the money raised will be used in the completion of the Ma'ilot kindergarten. The rest will be used to implement another important project in the building and strengthening of Israel.

This is the chance for every individual to show his or her solidarity with Ottawa's Jewish community. Colourful T-shirts will be issued free to every participant (including specially designed ones for this year for the Joggers). The committee hopes that everyone will turn out to demonstrate that We are One.

Sponsor forms will be available shortly at the Centre and at all Ottawa synagogues.

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They promote the search for new energy sources. Bond proceeds help to finance the drilling for oil and the search for other sources of energy — including solar, electrical, and nuclear energy — so that Israel can be independent of foreign fuel imports amounting to \$600 million a year. Since 1951 Israel Bond funds have been used to construct power plants, generators, and power lines to increase the output of electricity. By far the largest electric power plant is now in the first stages of construction at Hadera.

Bonds fill the gap in Israel's development needs. Since the Yom Kippur War, the people of Israel have endured severe hardships to meet the country's defence needs. Fuel and food prices have risen sharply. Israelis pay the highest taxes in the world. Defence expenditures at the rate of \$3.5 billion a year and a high rate of inflation continue to drain much of Israel's resources leaving only meager funds for economic development. As a result, Israel's dependence on Israel Bonds to avoid economic stagnation and unemployment has greatly increased.

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Soviet Jewry Communique

Awaits Trial



The spying charges pending against Anatoly Sharansky as a result of an article in Izvestia linking Sharansky and several others to the CIA, carry a possible death sentence or a lengthy prison term, under Soviet law.

The charge is reminiscent of Soviet propaganda gambits that preceded previous campaigns against Jews, such as the scapegoating of Jewish defendants in the notorious "economic crimes" trials of the early 1960's, the "show trials" of 1970 and the earlier Slansky trial in Czechoslovakia. Nor can the latest charge be considered in isolation from the Soviet interference with the symposium on Jewish culture in the USSR planned by Refusniks last December and Soviet hostility toward criticism of its disregard of its human rights commitments in the Helsinki Accord.

Prior to his arrest, Sharansky had been under daily surveillance by as many as eight security men. In February 1977 he filed a suit

Reply From External Affairs

Ottawa, K1A 0G2
March 25, 1977

Ladies:

Your telegram of March 16, to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, concerning Anatoly Sharansky, has been referred to me for a reply.

While we are aware Mr. Sharansky has recently been detained by the Soviet authorities, we have not yet been able to determine the reason for his detention or what the Canadian Government might appropriately do that would assist him. However, I can assure you the Government shares your concern that Mr. Sharansky be treated fairly and will be keeping a close watch on the case as it develops.

Yours sincerely,
C. J. Marshall
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs

The Ottawa Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry
co The Jewish Community Centre
151 Chapel Street
Ottawa, Ontario

(with activist Vladimir Slepak) for defamation based on the two airings of the anti-Jewish TV documentary "Traders of Souls" shown on national Soviet television. In an article published in Izvestia in March Sharansky, Slepak and Aleksander Lerner were accused of espionage — working for the CIA.

Harassment, surveillance, questionings by the Soviet authorities have been commonplace for Sharansky since he first applied to emigrate in April 1973. He has been arrested on numerous occasions — he has served at least 12 sentences of 10-15

days each, the last during the mass arrests in Moscow in October, 1976. In March 1975 he was informed by the KGB that "your destiny is in our hands. You have to know that no one in the West is interested in you and all that you are doing here and nobody will say a word in the entire world if there is one more Prisoner of Conscience in the Soviet Union."

On July 4, 1974 Anatoly and Natalia Sharansky were married; on July 5, 1974 their honeymoon left for Israel after receiving an ultimatum stating that it was now or never.

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Rabbi Sees Common Bond In Three Divergent Movements

At a recent meeting of the Northeast Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in Montreal, Rabbi Tanenbaum of Agudath Israel Synagogue addressed the delegates on the subject "The Inter-denominational Challenge to Lay Leadership."

Rabbi Tanenbaum said: "The challenge today is to recognize that which binds us — our history, our culture, our language, our land, our traditional and religious literature — is much stronger than that which separates."

"In contrast to Christianity's various sects divided by fundamental issues of sacramental theology," he said, "there is no such gulf of difference within Judaism. There are some theological debates, a personal redeeming messiah (Kulo hayav) versus a gradually developed Messianic age (kulo zakai) for instance, but these are individual options existing within each of the various movements."

"There are those who delight in remarking that Reform is moving more toward Orthodox Judaism in ritual observance and affirmation of Jewish peoplehood. What is less commonly admitted is how much of Reform has been adopted by Orthodox and Conservative synagogues: use of vernacular; occasional late Friday evening services, consecration of newly enrolled children in the religious school, the option of a double ring wedding, congregational singing, use of modern surgical instruments for circumcision, some kind of Bat Mitzvah or Confirmation ceremony, synagogue financing through membership dues, cantorial schools, organizational structure, the auditorium style bimah, use of modern scholarly methods in study, encouragement of attendance at secular universities, and a renewed emphasis on social justice."



Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum

In a thoroughgoing discussion, "straight talk," he dispassionately examined the strengths and weaknesses of all three groups, concluding that modern Judaism needs each.

"Looking at Judaism from an overall perspective forces us to move beyond denominationalism and recognize that each of the wings specialize in a particular and needed aspect of Judaism."

"Reform gives us experimentation. While those temperamentally suited to Reform do the experimentation, the rest of the Jewish community holds back to see the results. What works, the Conservative and Orthodox wings co-opt, while deriding Reform Judaism for what fails."

"Orthodox Judaism has given us an element of stability by upholding authority. While those temperamentally suited to religious militance promote a certain pattern of life, the rest of the Jewish community stands off in disdain. Then the Reform and Conservative movements copy their yeshivot and make use of their kashruth maintenance, while deriding Orthodoxy for its rigidity."

"Conservative Judaism offers to contemporary Judaism a model of interaction between tradition and change, and an openness to the religion-people combination. While those suited by temperament to

historical interpretation develop standards of Jewish education, build a network of Ramah camps embodying a modern Hebrew and religious environment, and amass the largest Jewish library in the world, the rest of the Jewish community watches with apparent indifference. Then the Reform and Orthodox movements find common roots in Conservative Judaism, while criticizing it from both sides for a lack of integrity."

Rabbi Tanenbaum told the largely Conservative audience: "In collecting for U.J.A., community lay leadership clearly operates on a principle of shared destiny and mutual hope. However, synagogue lay leadership, often the same persons, have not made the transition from the one context to the other, and have not sufficiently recognized that each of the major three movements is an aspect of the other."

"Some would see Orthodoxy as a standard in relation to which others will be able to measure their adherence to the faith, as the regulars who hold the line in the face of modernity, while the Reform are the reserves who have their day only because of the steadfastness of the Orthodox regulars. Others would say that in the face of secularism, it is Reform experimenters who often serve as the regulars leading the way, while it is the Conservative and Orthodox who remain in the wings. A true perspective, however, recognizes that all are allies and that all have standards by which the other groups can measure themselves."

"The Rabbi concluded: "The fact that there are vibrant, visible alternatives for soldiers and regulars of various temperament, strengthens us all. When we come to grips emotionally with pluralism in the Jewish community, when we learn to respect each other with our strengths and weaknesses, we will find that all of us can learn from each other."



Cayla Baylin, Merida Sachs, Myra Aronson and Sandi Marks, unpacking and checking some of the 170 pieces of Canadian art, for exhibit and sale in National Council of Jewish Women's May 9 Art Show.

National Council of Jewish Women

Unique Show Planned

National Council of Jewish Women will hold its Annual Art Show on Monday May 9, in the Ballroom of the Skyline Hotel. This year, the Art Show features works of 71 artists from across Canada, including the works of 31 new artists. The show is open to the community. Admission is \$3.00. The Art Show is Council's major fundraising project. Ottawa Section President Merida Sachs anticipates a large turnout and good sales for the show.

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Jewish Community Centre Spotlights



Reflections

by

Jerry Melman

Executive Director, JCC

Getting It Together

A few weeks ago, I wrote about a new Jewish young adults group that was about to plan a social event. Since that time, reports coming back to me have shown that this group had a successful experience. Congratulations should be given to those who helped plan that party. In no way did I intend to slight other groups, including the Ottawa Jewish Young Adults who have been in existence for many years and whose leadership has been active in providing services for young adults in the community. Since my last column, I have met with members of young adults and I feel that any misunderstanding between the centre and Young Adults has been cleared up.

As Director of the Centre, I have grappled with the question, how best can this agency provide support services for these young Jewish adults? Depending on whom you talk to, most young adults are resentful, distrustful, or just plain indifferent to the Centre. For some reason the mere mention of the Centre conjures up visions of some gigantic conspiracy out to crush them. I am finding this really very discouraging. The Centre is merely brick and mortar, it is the humans inside who breathe life into it. You cannot hate brick and mortar, but human beings do change and situations do change. However the process of change involves dialogue between people.

The Centre has undergone change; its Board of Directors is coming to grips with many of the problems in the community. I feel that we are open to dialogue, we want input, and are open to all suggestions.

I have set aside Monday night April 25 at 8:00 pm in the adult lounge at the Centre to meet with any young adult person, or group or organization to begin a dialogue on how the Centre can be of service to themselves or to their organization.

Let's see if we can't get it together . . . for in the larger sense we are still all part of the same Jewish community.

The Phys Ed Box

by Ron Boro

Director Phys. Ed.

Department



Sports Camp Staff Hired

The Jewish Community Centre's Sports Camp has hired all of its staff. They include: Philip Zunder who is completing his degree in Physical Education; Robin Roulston who has recently completed her degree; and Jack Zagerman who is finishing his Recreation degree.

The camp will be a predominantly outdoor recreation camp. The major activities planned are tennis at the Ottawa Athletic Club, riding and equestrian skills at the Equidae Riding School, sailing at the Ottawa River Sailing Club and canoeing at the Rideau Canoe and Club. All of these activities will be supervised by our staff and instructed by people at these areas. Our staff will instruct children in all other activities.

This is the first time that the Centre has initiated a daycamp devoted primarily to sports, physical skills and utilization of facilities beyond the Centre itself to such a degree. If you want your child to participate in an exceptional physical education and recreation program that combines proficiency co-ordination and fun this summer, in a Jewish environment the Centre Sportscamp would be ideal for children from grades 5 to 8.

Brochures outlining the structure and activities of the Sportscamp and Daycamp are available at the Centre switchboard at 232-7306.

June Is Membership Month at JCC

Irving Rivers has announced that the Jewish Community Centre has set aside the month of June as Membership Renewal month and that an active campaign will be mounted to attract new members to the Centre. The structuring of membership categories and fees is being undertaken by a select committee headed by Martin Tatz, membership chairman.

In organizing its first-ever campaign, the Centre hopes to reinforce the idea that it is there to serve its members and the total Jewish community. Therefore, the members and everyone else have a stake and responsibility to assure its financial requirements and its ability to be sustained for future years.

The Centre can be an enormous humanizing force in the lives of the community as it functions as an agency of Jewish identification; a common meeting ground for all Jews providing a service as an agency of personality development where Jewish tradition and democracy enhance the well-being of the individual.

Women's Softball

Women's softball will again be part of the Physical Education program for the summer.

Last year we had only two teams participate. This year we hope to have at least four.

Joy Feldman and Cheryl Kardish will be in charge of the program.

For further information, or if you wish to play, contact Physical Education Department, or fill in the form on this page and send to 151 Chapel St.



Youth Corner

by Michael Wolfe

Youth Services Co-ordinator

With camp approaching, I will periodically bring you up-to-date on our progress in terms of programming.

At this time, I would like to introduce the unit heads who will supervise the Junior and Senior Divisions of Day Camp.



Returning for her second year at the J.C.C. as Junior Unit Head is Debbie Litwack, who will be graduating this year from Yeshiva University with a B.A. in Sociology. She has been with the J.C.C. Day Camp for five years, has been a youth worker with various synagogues and an advisor to the Yeshiva Torah Seminar. Debbie is looking forward to welcoming back our returning campers and all first year new campers to the J.C.C. Day Camp.



I am proud to announce that Gary Resnick will be the Unit Head for the Senior Section of the J.C.C. Day Camp. Gary is graduating this year from the University of Toronto with a B.A. in Psychology. He has been a section head at Camp B'nai B'rith and started his camping career as a counsellor at the J.C.C. Day Camp. Gary has planned some exciting and special programs for his unit and looks forward to meeting with all campers this summer.

Staff positions are filling up much sooner than last year. We are no longer accepting junior counsellor applications. There are a few senior counsellor positions open, and we are still looking for a Music Dramatics Specialist. If you are interested, please call me as soon as possible.

Soccer Clinic Sunday

Grades 3-5, 6-8

This is a new program being offered by the Centre. With the weather changing to the better, we know that children like to participate in outdoor sports programs.

Soccer offers the child a chance to learn a skill, socialize and acquire a high level of fitness. Paul Reichnitz who has had many years of soccer experience will be working with your child.

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At Agudath Israel

Struggle to Nationhood on Film

On Sunday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m., the Agudath Israel Sisterhood will be featuring "A Wall in Jerusalem."



Mourners at the Wall.

The documentary is a montage of extremely rare footage of historical moments in the 20th-century evolution of Israel from idea to reality and traces the struggle of the Jewish people to build a nation while faced with the hardships of anti-Semitism, genocide, Arab hostility, and international politicking. It culminates with the realization of the long dream of a homeland in 1948.

In the use of footage filmed throughout the 70 year period,

audiences can appreciate the visual record of historical fact and identify with the universal human need for freedom of religious expression.

For teens and adults. Coffee and danish will be served. No charge.

Children Lead Shul Services

On Saturday, April 30, services at Agudath Israel will be conducted entirely by the children of Hillel Academy, who have been working in conjunction with Cantor David Aptowitzer to prepare a truly unique event. The community is invited to participate.

A Kiddush-luncheon in honour of the Hillel students will follow services.

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Lubavitcher Rebbe Marks 75th Birthday in New York



Pictured above is the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, who celebrated his 75th birthday recently, with a public address from Lubavitch Headquarters in Brooklyn, to Lubavitch Centres world-wide, live, via a special communications hook-up.

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who was born in Russia and immigrated to the U.S. in 1941, has, for the last 27 years, served as the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe (he is the great-grandson and namesake of the third Lubavitcher Rebbe) of the continually expanding Chabad-Lubavitch movement. Rabbi Schneerson has set into motion massive educational, social and rehabilitative programs, in such diverse corners of the globe as Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Scotland, Italy North and South Africa to name a few. These programs are specifically aimed at the alienated and assimilated, and particularly the youth, of today; Chabad-Lubavitch philosophy stresses the need for Jewish awareness of, and identification with, the observance of Yiddishkeit, to counteract the day to day pressures for assimilation.

Rabbi Schneerson's influence has long transcended the Chassidic community; effects of his work are seen and acknowledged by Jews of every religious persuasion universally.

Lubavitcher schools and centres around the world provide young Jewish students with a thorough Jewish education. Lubavitcher settlements in Israel contribute to the spiritual and the material well-being of not only Israeli students, but newcomers and older olim as well. Nachalat Har Chabad, a Lubavitcher settlement near Rechovot, was founded by the Rebbe several years ago, for the integration of Soviet Jews into the

mainstream of Israeli life. Russian speaking instructors staff the schools which serve more than 300 Russian families housed there. Kfar Chabad, a Lubavitcher settlement near Tel Aviv, is another of the Rebbe's projects. The Lubavitcher community there not only maintains Yeshivot for religious study, but provides youth with a comprehensive vocational training program. Kfar Chabad has a large absorption centre which services thousands of new immigrants. A new Lubavitcher community in Safad is currently under construction and Rabbi Schneerson is choosing more and more families to go to Israel to set it in operation.

Rabbi Schneerson is very much a product of the twentieth century and does not hesitate to use modern technology and instant-globe spanning media techniques to reach Jews everywhere. He has established a Jewish "Peace Corps" comprised of Lubavitch students who use their vacation times to visit smaller communities throughout North America bringing with them Tefillin, books, knowledge of coming holidays, and a sense of their own Yiddishkeit. In the U.S. the famous "Mitzvah-mobiles" (or "Jewish tanks to combat assimilation" as they have often been referred to by the Rebbe) have become a commonplace sight in urban and suburban communities as they move about informing Jews about their own identity.

People from all over the world report to the Rebbe, seek advice from him, or come to receive his counsel and blessing. He monitors events and developments of concern to Jews throughout the world daily, and is responsible for stimulating Jewish consciousness amongst thousands of the world's alienated and assimilated. Rabbi Schneerson is probably one of the most dominant figures in Judaism today, and very likely the one individual, more than any other in recent times, singularly responsible for stirring the conscience and the re-awakening of world Jewry.

To mark the occasion, Prime Minister Trudeau sent the Rebbe a congratulatory letter, on behalf of all Canadians, expressing appreciation for all of the Rebbe's and Lubavitcher's dedication and good works. "Lubavitch Chasidim are known around the world for their devotion to ministering to both spiritual and material needs of Jewish people" stated the Prime Minister.

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Taken at the Coplan Home

Some of the ladies present, but not in order are; Mrs. Ethel Adelman, Mrs. Bessie Slone, Mrs. Eisenberg, Mrs. Esther Ages, Mrs. Roodman, Mrs. A. H. Coplan, Mrs. I. Sobcuff, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Butofsky, (Zelda Berezin), Mrs. Reinstein, Mrs. Berlin, Mrs. Flisher, Mrs. Weiner, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Baylin, Mrs. Fanny Baker, Mrs. Ben Levitt, Mrs. M. Greenberg, Mrs. Graiman, Mrs. Jake Applebaum, Mrs. Molly Betcherman, Mrs. L. Ginsberg, Mrs. N. Nadler, Mrs. Rose Baylin, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. M. Z. Litwick, Mrs. Helen Altow, Mrs. M. Epstein, Mrs. Lithwick, Mrs. Cardish, Mrs. S. Silver, Mrs. J. Morris, Mrs. M. Shenkman, Mrs. Segal, Mrs. Giggeman, Mrs. Appel, Mrs. Cantor, Mrs. J. Sachs, Mrs. Steinman, Mrs. Zena Leikin, Mrs. Rose.

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Ottawa Modern Jewish School

24 Years Secular Jewish Education



"Jewish Education has been the cement holding the Jewish Nation Together."

The Ottawa Modern Jewish School (OMJS) has made a unique and important contribution to Jewish Education in Ottawa, and it continues to strive for the same today. It is a co-operative, afternoon school, providing secular Jewish education from pre-kindergarten (4 year olds) through grade seven.

The curriculum consists of languages (Hebrew and Yiddish) and Jewish education (subjects such as: culture, customs, history, Judaism and current events), leaving religious observance and practise as a personal responsibility of each family.

As with other groups, the OMJS has a symbiotic relationship with the Jewish community. Besides providing quality education, the school offers unique but important alternatives to the community:

- a secular approach to Jewish education
- the colour and culture of the Yiddish language
- member participation and direct responsibility
- classes held Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon

And the community provides financial, physical and moral support to permit the school's viability.

Such an educational alternative is very important to the community. Jewish education is well recognized as being of utmost importance for the survival of the Jewish people. While the OMJS provides a choice for some parents, its greatest service is reaching those who would otherwise forego Jewish schooling completely.

From the beginning, the organization's development was evolutionary, particularly as it struggled to find its place in the

OMJS Students Performing at the Purim Concert.

community. The strength and vision of its members ensured the success of that struggle. The OMJS was founded in 1953. Completely lacking resources, volunteers began curriculum development, organizational duties, and even where necessary, teaching. Classes were held in public schools, wherever space could be rented. Much time and effort was spent in fundraising, through appeals to the community and various social functions.

Through the years, the first application of any resource growth was to establish a schedule of teachers' salaries to ensure the first strength — a capable, professional teaching staff. Review of books and curriculum revision and up-grading was a continuing effort. Eventually, it became possible to move the classes to Jewish surroundings when an agreement was made with the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board, to rent classrooms at the J.C.C. Further progress was made, when the West End classrooms were added to the rental arrangements.

Full maturity in its relationship with the community came in 1971 when the OMJS became a member of the Vaad Ha'Ir and was recognized as a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa. Accordingly, community fundraising campaigns by the school were phased out.

The dividends of this effort are already evident: - The curriculum in each subject has been up-graded

and documented; a dedicated, highly qualified and enthusiastic teaching staff has been hired; and finally, after many volunteer years, an honorarium was established to secure the committed time needed in the Principal's position. As a result, enrollment that was always fluctuating in numbers, has increased steadily over the last few years, to this year's gratifying level of over 140 students.

Backed by such a curriculum, each teacher has been able to promote an enthusiasm for Jewish education among the students. Some have even come back after graduation to participate as Classroom Assistants. Special holiday events, including concerts and similar activities, re-inforce the learning, as well as bringing parents together to experience the celebration.

Much of the school's success and strength comes from its structure and constitution. Students' families automatically become members. The membership annually elects an Executive and Board of Directors to take charge of the organization. Volunteer work of members supplants administrative costs.

It is with much pride that OMJS notes that Abe Palmer, founding President, and still Honorary President, has gone on to serve the community in so many ways.

Inquiries may be made to: Phyllis Leith - President (224-1118) or Bertha Leckie - Registrar (235-0612)

One Rabbi's Response

by

Rabbi Roy D. Tanenbaum

Question:
 I have been placed on a salt free diet. How can I eat kosher meat?

Response:

I have gone through a long process in dealing with this question.

Originally I thought just to recommend thorough washing. I am told, however, that some of the salt used in kashering is absorbed in the meat, and that this procedure would not be effective.

Then I thought that as the meat is usually salted in bulk, the butcher's inner cuts could be reserved for those on salt free diets. There is however a danger that inner cuts might be mixed with outer cuts, especially at peak seasons.

Two religious researchers in Baltimore have suggested a means of salting so complicated and burdensome, that I would neither eat the meat nor recommend the procedure.

I have learned from a teacher of mine that potassium chloride (POTASSIUM SALT) HAS THE SAME ABSORPTIVE QUALITIES AS SODIUM SALT (regular salt). In addition, people on salt free diets may eat potassium chloride.

I would like to see all kosher outlets adopt this procedure. They won't, basically because it has never been done before; i.e., it is not our minhag. I think this response leaves something to be desired. It invests holiness in specific procedure rather than in the halachic goal of absorbing the blood, and demonstrates the timidity of some authorities in dealing with new questions.

I recommend that you check with your doctor. If he approves the use of potassium chloride, order unkoshered meat from the butcher, and soak and salt your meat with potassium chloride at home. This is far better than eating treife or unkoshered meat.

Signed responses to be answered in this column may be addressed to "Response," Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review, 151 Chapel Street. Rabbi Tanenbaum is a Conservative Rabbi at Agudath Israel Synagogue in Ottawa.

Salt-Free Kosher Meat Available

Those on low sodium (salt-free) diets can obtain unsalted meat and poultry from United Kosher Butcher. This meat and poultry is kosher, of course, just not salted. Persons with a family history of high blood pressure should also consider using such meat and poultry, as a preventive measure.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka will host "Quest" on Sunday, May 1, on CJCH-TV, when he will interview Dr. Jerry Steinberg. The topic will be Logotherapy. Broadcast time 1:30 p.m.

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